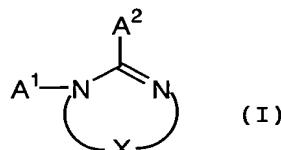


A7      *Abstract of the Disclosure*  
ABSTRACT

There is provided cyclic amidine compounds of the following formula (I):



wherein:

A<sup>1</sup> and A<sup>2</sup> are hydrogen atom, optionally substituted alkyl group; optionally substituted aryl group; or optionally substituted heterocyclic group; and

10      X is -C(R<sup>1</sup>,R<sup>2</sup>)-C(R<sup>3</sup>,R<sup>4</sup>)-, -C(R<sup>5</sup>)=C(R<sup>6</sup>)-, -C(R<sup>7</sup>,R<sup>8</sup>)-C(R<sup>9</sup>,R<sup>10</sup>)-C(R<sup>11</sup>,R<sup>12</sup>)-, or -C(R<sup>13</sup>,R<sup>14</sup>)-C(R<sup>15</sup>,R<sup>16</sup>)-NH- (wherein, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>8</sup>, R<sup>9</sup>, R<sup>10</sup>, R<sup>11</sup>, R<sup>12</sup>, R<sup>13</sup>, R<sup>14</sup>, R<sup>15</sup> and R<sup>16</sup> are hydrogen atom; halogen atom; optionally substituted alkyl group; optionally substituted aryl group; or optionally substituted heterocyclic group;

15      or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

These compounds have good affinity for  $\alpha_4\beta_2$  nicotinic acetylcholine receptors and activate the same to thereby exert a preventive or therapeutic effect on cerebral dysfunction.